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SUBJECT: TOURISM IN AFGHANISTAN

1. AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION, NEW YORK, HAS INQUIRED OF AFGHAN DESK ACCURACY OF REPORT THAT GOA HAS "NATIONALIZED" TOURISM IN AFGHANISTAN. REPORT STEMS FROM WILLIAMS WORLD TRAVEL AGENCY, NYC, WHICH HAS NOTIFIED NUMBER OF OTHER AGENCIES THAT TOUR BOOKINGS THROUGH PRIVATELY OWNED CARAVAN TRAVELS OF KABUL NO RPT NO LONGER VALID. AFGHAN TOUR HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO SUCH INFORMATION OFFICIALLY FROM GOA.

2. DESK OFF SPOKE WITH JOHN WHIBLEY OF WILLIAMS WHO CONFIRMED THAT AGENCY RECEIVED ABOVE INFORMATION IN LETTER FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY KABUL, IN CONNECTION WITH TEXTILE MUSEUM TOUR. WHIBLEY CONCERNED ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUSEUM TOUR AND TWO OTHER TOURS COMING UP SOON. HE HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO REPLIES TO REPEATED CABLE INQUIRIES RE HOTEL BOOKINGS AND IN-COUNTRY ITINERARIES FROM EITHER CARAVAN OR AFGHAN TOUR. WHIBLEY HAS DECIDED TO SEND MRS. JEANNE BORGER TO KABUL TO PERSONALLY CHECK ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THREE TOURS. SHE PLANS ARRIVE KABUL APRIL 6 AND WILL TELEPHONE EMBASSY ECONNECTION TO DISCUSS SITUATION. KISSINGER

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